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In re Application of :
Jerding et al. :
Application Number: 09/480011 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: 01/10/2000 :
Attorney Docket Number: A-5243 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 27 September, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 26 September, 2007, for failure to timely respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers—Notice of Allowance Mailed mailed on 25 July, 2007, which set a two (2) month period for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 12 October, 2007.

Petitioners have filed replacement drawings as the required reply.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application, abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may required additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

Receipt of the issue fee filed on 2 October, 2007, is acknowledged.

The address in the petition is different than the correspondence address. A courtesy copy of the decision is being mailed to the address in the petition. All future correspondence, however, will be mailed solely to the address of record.

The application is referred to the Office of Patent Publications for processing into a patent.

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